

Lyceum Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



- 1st February * Singing Competition : Tamil : Semi Finals : Grade 1-12
- 2nd February * Inter House Chess Tournament
- 3rd February * Best Speaker Contest : English : Semi Finals Grade 1 & 2
- 4th February * Holiday - Independence Day
- 5th February * Kavi Competition : Senior : Finals
- 6th February * Inter House Netball Tournament
- 8th February * Concert Rehearsal : Grade 5
- 9th February * Best Speaker Contest : English : Semi Finals : Grade 3-5.
* Concert Rehearsal : Grade 2
- 10th February * Best Speaker Contest : English : Semi Finals : Grade 6 to 8
- 11th February * Concert : Grade 5 (Day 1)
- 12th February * Concert : Grade 5 (Day 2)
- 13th February * Inter House Swimming Meet
- 15th February * Inter House Chess Tournament
- 16th February * Inter House Master Mind Quiz
* Concert : Grade 2 (Day 1)
- 17th February * Concert : Grade 2 (Day 2)
- 19th February * Singing Competition : Tamil : Finals : Grade 1-12
- 20th February * Inter House Table Tennis Tournament
- 22nd February * Holiday - Nawam Poya Day
- 24th February * Best Speaker Contest : English : Semi Finals : Grade 9-12
- 26th February * ISAC (School Holiday - Nursery to Pre-Grade)
- 27th February * ISAC
- 28th February * ISAC

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO

A husband and wife wearing worn out shabby clothes walked into an ivy League College President's office without an appointment. The Secretary immediately seeing that they were country folk, frowned, wondering what such people were doing there. "We want to see the president", the man said softly. "He'll be busy all day" the secretary snapped. "We'll wait" the lady replied. For hours, the Secretary ignored them hoping that they would go away. They didn't. The Secretary, frustrated, had to disturb the president, convincing him that if he just saw them for a few minutes, they would go away. The president reluctantly agreed. He hated country folk cluttering his office.



The woman spoke. "We had a son who went here and he loved this college but he died a year ago. We would like to erect a memorial for him somewhere on the campus".

The president was shocked with disbelief: "Madam", he said gruffly. "We can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery." "Oh no, we don't want to erect a statue for him. We want to give a building to this university." she rejoined. "A building?" He rolled his eyes. Do you know how much a building costs? We have over 7 million in buildings.

The lady was silent and the president thought that he can finally get rid of them. But the woman only said: "Is that all it costs?" She turned to her husband and said let's start our own.

So they went back home and started their own university in memory of their son. The University became one of the great Ivy League Schools in the country.

We are all human. And judging people before we get to know them is something we are all guilty of - even the best of us. We are more prone to do it unintentionally. It's almost habit. But it is something we should alter in our lives or we could miss out on knowing some amazing people or experiencing great opportunities in life.



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PRIZE GIVING 2015

The Prize Giving Ceremony for 2014/2015 academic year was held on the 6th (Grade 6, 7, 11 & 12) and 9th of November 2015 at the School Aeolian Hall in the presence of a large gathering of special guests, teachers, parents and students.

The Chief Guests: 6th November 2015 was Dr. Kishu Gomes - CEO/Managing Director of Cherron Lubricants Lanka PLC and Managing Director of Charron Ceylon Ltd.

9th November 2015 was Prof. Ranjith Bandara - Professor in Economics in University of Colombo and the Guest of Honour Mrs. Bandara.

The Principal Ms. Wenuri Hettiarachchi delivered the Principal's report highlighting the various academic and sports achievements.

The ceremony was followed by felicitating the teachers for their dedicated services and awarding prizes for students to appreciate their achievements.

We would like to thank all our parents, donors and everyone who assisted in organizing this memorable occasion.

LYCEUM STUDY - BUDDY PROGRAMME FOR GRADE 10 & 12 STUDENTS

The above programme was initiated and organized by our Director Mr. Nikitha Grero under the blessings of our Founder Mr. Mohan Lal Grero to aid children in their studies and to promote peer studying among students. We thank all students and parents who attended this programme.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a School Leaver / Knowledge seeker or a parent who wants to assist your children.

Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education

The teacher training arm of the Lyceum International School [Pvt] Ltd, conducts the following programmes.

Programme	Class Day	Time
[1]. Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[2]. Diploma in Primary School Teaching	Wednesday & Friday	2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
[3]. Diploma in English Language Teaching	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[4]. Diploma in Teaching Science	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[5]. Diploma in Teaching Mathematics	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[6]. Diploma in Sports Science & Physical Edu.	Sunday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[7]. Diploma Programme in Swimming Instruction	Sunday	9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Curriculum consists of Theory, Practice & Application & Free printed material,

[a]. Application & Registration fee – Rs. 1,000/=

[b]. Course fee Rs. 36,000/=

[c]. Science & Maths Rs.42,000/= . An easy payment structure.

[d]. Sports Science & Physical Education Rs. 38,000/=

[After following the programme 2, 3, 4 & 5 Eventually can proceed to BEd Degree in Education studies conducted by Aquinas University affiliated to Catholic University, Australia]

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THE GOLDEN BAR CEREMONY OF THE LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NUGEGODA



Little Friends Golden Bar Ceremony of the Lyceum International School, Nugegoda was held successfully on the 23rd of November 2015 in the School Main Hall under the patronage of Chief Guest Mrs. Samantha Wijekoon, member of the National Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association (SLGGA) and Guest of Honour Mrs. Dulka Mendis, Headmistress, Lyceum International School, Kohuwala.

The accomplishments of the day shone over the 60 little friends who received their golden bars amidst the applause of teachers, girl guides and parents.

Chief Guest Mrs. Samantha Wijekoon was offered a token of appreciation valuing her 40 years of service towards girl guiding and also admiring the support she has rendered towards the little friend pack of Lyceum International School Nugegoda. Addressing the gathering she spoke of how the school has reached the top of its ladder, especially in comparison with little friend packs of other international schools in the country. She also thanked Mr. & Ms. Gero for their support given to the SLGGA and to the school Little Friends packs.

Headmistress Mrs. Dulka Mendis in her speech, mentioned how she has distinguished a little friend from the rest in her school, while encouraging every student to take part in the movement. She expressed her pride to be witnessing the achievements of the little friends of Lyceum International School Nugegoda.

The event was concluded in a high and encouraged note.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

MARCH 2016

Students having less than 80% attendance will not be issued the Second Examination / First Semester Examination reports.

GRADES 1-8 PROJECT SHOWCASING

The projects show casing was held in November 2015 for the above grades. The classes were filled with lots of creative inventions on various topics. We would like to specially commend on the efforts taken by all our children and teachers. Well-done!!! We thank all our parents for their participation and motivation.

LIFE SKILLS EXHIBITION 2015

The cookery, life skills and electronics exhibition organized by the Life Skills Department and the Grade 6, 7 & 8 students was held on 4th December 2015 at the Bellarophon Hall. The Chief Guests for this occasion were Dr. Jayantha Waththevidanage - Chief Lecturer Zoology at the Open University Nawala and Dr. Lakshman Nonis - Chief Science Coordinator of Lyceum International Schools. It was a successful event which won the praise and admiration of all those who attended.



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The Value of 'Learning Discipline'

Learning cannot take place without 'Learning Discipline'. This is more important in Grades One and Two as attitudes and behaviours formed in these grades form the foundation for learning in higher, and further education through life.

Desirable Learning Discipline can be illustrated. For example, a student has a pencil in their hands when no writing is involved: they will keep playing with it, not paying attention to what the teacher is doing. Body and mind are not attuned to the learning situation, but occupied with manipulating the pencil. Effective, attentive listening, essential to good learning is not possible. Teachers can avoid such distractions by not allowing presence of unnecessary instruments, and material, etc. within reach of the student at any stage of the learning processes. Maintaining consistent eye contact with all the students in the class, demanding it from the students, too, will help in this.

Grade One and Two students are often called upon to match pictures and answers, etc. This is, sometimes, by joining lines. It can be done with a ruler so that the result is a set of straight lines, or without a ruler, where the lines are squiggly, and meander across the page. Using a pencil to write neatly, an eraser to rub out mistakes cleanly, are also skills the student must develop. Skills and behaviours like these help in learning and are a part of learning discipline.

Teachers can demonstrate to the students the desirable skills and behaviours, and motivate the students to practise in the classroom. Parents must try their utmost to consolidate them within the home environment. A similar approach where children are guided to have, and work with, only the necessary tools will be productive.

Little children, in the absence of a task that demands their concentration, or challenges them, tend to bite/suck on their fingers. This is not only unhygienic, but also reduces the intensity of the learning experience of the moment. Parents need to assure themselves that their children do not develop such unhygienic and socially unwelcome habits. In the classroom, a student challenged with an absorbing learning task will not have an opportunity to wander in thought and action.

Teachers and parents need to convince themselves that skills and behaviours which produce Learning Discipline should be developed in the students for the purpose of better learning. The future of children depends on learning. Better, improved learning must be considered an investment for the future. **T.E.U.**

CONTACT YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL

Due to requests made by some parents, school has considered of allowing students to carry a contactable device introduced by Dialog. The device is called "Dialog Suraksha" which allows the students to contact parents through maximum of 4 numbers decided by the parent. The above device can only be controlled by the parent. The device should be kept switched off during school time and can be activated after school. Parents who wish their children to carry this device can obtain further details from any Dialog Customer Service Center or On-line. Please note that the restriction on using mobile phones still applies to all students.

PARCELS

If you are sending a parcel to your child please label with Name & Class hand over to Security as you are not permitted to go to classrooms. Nursery to Grade 3 the Security will deliver the parcel to the student but Grade 4 to 12 please tell your child to collect the parcel from the Gate.



IMPORTANT!

Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.